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SUBJECT: NASA WIND TUNNEL MODEL

REFS: (A) LISBON 3599, (B) STATE A-490

1. PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE IS STORING DISMANTLED WIND TUNNEL AT ALVERCA, OUTSIDE LISBON. PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE VICE CHIEF OF STAFF BG LEMOS FERREIRA TOLD DATT THAT AIR FORCE WOULD LIKE TO SET UP WIND TUNNEL AS LEARNING DEVICE IN FUTURE. AIR FORCE WOULD ACCEDE TO U.S. REQUEST TO RETURN THE WIND TUNNEL, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE U.S. WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER COMPARABLE EQUIPMENT AT LATER TIME.

2. COMMENT: REQUEST FOR RETURN WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT WITH PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE. THE UNFAVORABLE IMPACT COULD BE OVERCOME ONLY BY A COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY SIMILAR EQUIPMENT.

3. RECOMMENDATION: IF NASA IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE SIMILAR EQUIPMENT IN FUTURE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT NASA ADDRESS LETTER TO LTCOL JOAQUIM A.F. CANAIS, CHEFE DA 4TH DIVISAO, ESTADO MAIOR DA FORCA AEREA REQUESTING RETURN OF WIND TUNNEL AND OFFERING SIMILAR EQUIPMENT IN FUTURE. EMBASSY WILL DELIVER LETTER TO COL. CANAIS. IF NASA CANNOT COMMIT ITSELF TO PROVIDING

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WIND TUNNEL IN FUTURE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT NASA

CONSIDER OTHER COURSES OF ACTION, INCLUDING WRITING
OFF WIND TUNNEL.
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